

Across the Downs

Church News Sheet for the Downs Parishes of
Chilbolton, Crawley, Littleton, Sparsholt and Wherwell
Rector: Revd Kevin Rogers 01962 880845

Sunday 2nd February 2025



Services for Sunday 2nd February 2025

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

10.00 am (Ch) Morning Prayer

10.00 am (Cr) Holy Communion

4.00 pm (Li) Café Church, in the Church Room –
'Waiting . . . '



Services for Sunday 9th February 2025

Fourth Sunday before Lent

10.00 am (Li) Family Communion

10.00 am (Wh) Morning Prayer



Prayer for the Week – *Presentation of Christ in the Temple*

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings: Malachi 3: 1-5 Hebrews 2: 14-end
 Luke 2: 22-40 Psalm 24

DIARY

Monday 3rd February

10.00–11.30am (Li) St Catherine's Toddler Group. *Contact Carol Coleman, 01962 881886*

Tuesday 4th February

Wednesday 5th February

Thursday 6th February

9.30 am (Ch) Chilbolton Home Group *For details please contact Charlotte Nash, tel: 01264 860831*

2.15 pm (Li) Prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer List, in the Church Room

Friday 7th February

12.30 pm (Li) Littleton Lunch Club, in the Church Room

3.00 pm (Cr) Thanksgiving Service – Peter Haddon

4.00 pm (Li) Julian of Norwich Meditation Meeting – new members always welcome. *Contact Sheila Trussler, 01962 881089*

Saturday 8th February

10.00 am (B) PCC Vision Day

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Bubble Church is coming to Chilbolton, **Sunday 23rd February**, at 4.00 pm!

Bubble Church is a Sunday church service especially for babies, toddlers, and young families. It's a puppet-packed, Jesus-centred, coffee-food-fuelled, 30-minute kids and families' adventure.

Here's the deal: you turn up 10 mins before it starts for a snack and a coffee, then you'll be guided to a 'bubble', and you and your little ones will share in 30 mins of song, story, puppets, and prayer.

St Stephen's, Sparsholt, Churchyard Clean Up

Sparsholt will be holding a Churchyard Clean Up on **Saturday 29th March** from 10.00am to 1.00pm with refreshments and lunch provided. Please come along and help, the more the merrier, bringing garden tools and garden waste bags.

Any questions, please contact Sally Wesley on sally.wesley@btinternet.com

Revision of St Catherine's Electoral Roll

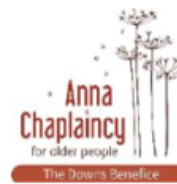
Please note that the Electoral Roll has to be revised this year prior to the APCM on March 23rd.

This means that all names must be removed from the existing roll and new application forms must be submitted by everyone who wishes to remain on the roll.

The formal notice of revision is now on the church notice board, and I shall be sending copies of the application form to everyone on the current roll who has provided an email address. If we do not have your email address, or if you have changed your address recently, or if you do not have access to email then please contact me directly.

Bryan Harris, Electoral Roll Officer, Phone 01962 807361
email address: bryanharris@cantab.net

Vacancy for an Anna Chaplain, St Catherine's Church, Littleton



Seeking to develop our ministry amongst the older members of our community further, we appointed our first Anna Chaplain in 2022. The position is now vacant and we are looking to the appointment of a new part-time (16 hrs/week), paid Anna Chaplain.

The Anna Chaplaincy is a pioneering role offering spiritual support to older people and their relatives and carers. It supports the wellbeing of people of all faiths or none, and encompasses a wider role within the community as an advocate and champion of the contribution older people make to society.

www.annachaplaincy.org.uk

For more details please contact: office@downsbenefice.org.uk.

Closing date for applications: Monday 3rd March

Change of service time

From **Sunday, 16th March**, the 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Service at St. Stephen's, Sparsholt will move to start at **9.00am**. The Service will last 30 minutes, and this is a 6-month trial. Similarly, the BCP Holy Communion Service in Wherwell on the 4th Sunday of the month will move to **9.00 am**, starting **Sunday 23rd March**. This will not affect the Services in the other Churches in the Benefice.

Winchester City Festival Choir
“Welcome to all the Pleasures”

7.30 pm, Saturday 8th February

St Paul’s Church, Winchester

Vivaldi *gloria*, Schubert *Mass in G* and works by Purcell, Bach and Mozart.

Conductor Barbara Hofling. Tickets £20, under 18s free

www.bit.ly/4ikRFD0

Stockbridge Music

“Yes, yes, we *will* have a pianoforte!”

7.30 pm, Friday 7th March

St Peter’s Church, Stockbridge

Enjoy a very musical March with Stockbridge Music as we welcome our own Patron and hugely popular pianist, composer and broadcaster David Owen Norris to perform a wonderful 250th anniversary concert for Jane Austen.

Doors open 6.45 pm. Tickets £25 (under 18s £5)

<https://www.stockbridgemusic.uk/event/david-owen-norris/>

Boaz Quiz Night

Friday 11th April

Join quiz master Andy for a fun-filled evening at Littleton Memorial Hall. Gather your friends and form a team of 4-6 players for this brain-teasing night out. Tickets are just £3/person – come along and test your knowledge while having a laugh with friends. www.boazproject.co.uk

Christian Aid (Littleton)

Our parish has for many years been generously supporting C.A. Members of the congregation will be pleased to learn that Ann and David Naylor will be replaced by The Rev’d Canon Dr Peter Lippiett and his wife Margaret (Maggie). They attended a service, read Across the Downs about C.A and volunteered the next day. Peter and Maggie’s spontaneous response was heartwarming, refreshing and impressive. Bless them!

Ann and David Naylor

Please send all items for Across the Downs to Carol Ward: email carol.ward@daleclose.co.uk, or telephone 01962 883185, by 12.00 noon Thursday at the latest. **If you would like to receive future editions of the newsletter by email, please contact me on the above address.** Thank you.